

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE LIVES OF
DOROTHY AND ROBERT LABEN
FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING COM-
MUNITY SERVICE

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 18, 2005

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my sadness regarding the recent passing of two leaders in the Davis, California community, Dorothy and Robert Laben.

The couple met at Cornell University during the World War II years. Dorothy was pursuing a doctorate in nutrition and Bob taught in the military science department following his recovery from injuries sustained in battle. They courted by motorcycle and sidecar, married in 1946 and moved first to Oklahoma and then to Missouri as Bob completed his doctorate in genetics. In 1950 Bob Laben accepted a professorship with the UC Davis Animal Science department where he spent the next 36 years in distinguished service as a teacher and mentor.

The Labens were active in organizations that provided much-needed food to the hungry, including the Short-Term Emergency Aid Committee, Davis Community Meals and the Food Bank of Yolo County that collects and distributes food to the hungry via nonprofit agencies and school programs. The Food Bank grew out of the Yolo County Coalition Against Hunger that was co-founded by Dorothy, who was known to all as "a dynamo, completely dedicated." Together the Labens logged thousands of miles on their vehicles—wearing out several of them—collecting food from sources such as grocery stores, bakeries, farms and the Davis Farmers' Market. Always working together, they were once profiled in a local news article as "The faces behind the food." The Labens' contributions earned them numerous awards and recognitions, but the couple always remained humble, redirecting the spotlight from themselves to the human need.

Mr. Speaker, Dorothy and Bob Laben's determination to feed the hungry of their community inspires us all. It is appropriate therefore that we celebrate and honor their lives of service today.

CELEBRATING 130 YEARS AT ST.
JAMES A.M.E. CHURCH

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church for celebrating its 130th Anniversary. This is a great accomplishment, and I am proud to have such a historical establish-

ment in the 26th Congressional District of Texas.

Founded in 1875, St. James A.M.E. is one of the oldest African-American churches in Denton today. As the only African Methodist Episcopal church in Denton, members say that the church has survived 130 years because of its people—the friendships, marriages and families have been the glue that keeps the small congregation together.

St. James A.M.E. has dedicated itself to community service and involvement. Members help others by offering tutoring for students, help with credit establishment, and donations for those in need. Since the tragic event of Hurricane Katrina, the 83 member congregation of St. James A.M.E. reached out to support one relocated Louisiana family living in the parsonage. The church's value of submission is seen in this commitment to serving others in the community over the years.

As one of the city's oldest churches, St. James A.M.E. occupies an important place in the Denton community today as a symbol of endurance, stability and service.

Congratulations to the congregation at St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church on their anniversary. One hundred and thirty years of worship is a milestone to be celebrated.

YAHOO SHOULD BE ASHAMED

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I recall with great irony the heated annual debates in Congress surrounding Most Favored Nation trade status and ultimately Permanent Normal Trade Relations for China. The coalition that battled granting China this privilege faced an almost certain perennial loss. Even so, it served as a valuable forum in which to highlight just what kind of a country we are dealing with in China. The list of egregious actions laid at the feet of the communist government of the People's Republic of China is long and spans decades—human rights abuses, religious persecution including torture and imprisonment, slave labor practices, forced sterilization, espionage operations against U.S. businesses, software piracy and intellectual property theft, military spying. At the time many argued with tremendous passion, business interests foremost among them, that trade with China would change China, not the other way around.

It strikes me that those may have been hollow promises—that little has changed in China. Rather it appears that some American companies are increasingly honoring repressive Chinese laws so that they might keep their seat at the table and with it the promise of great profit.

Shi Tao, a freelance journalist for Internet publications, was recently sentenced in China, to 10 years in prison for "leaking state secrets abroad."

Tao was arrested in November 2004 after Yahoo, an American company, cooperated with Chinese government authorities to grant them access to Tao's personal e-mail account. Tao simply e-mailed portions of a directive issued by China's Propaganda Department that instructed the Chinese media as to how to cover the 15th anniversary of the military crackdown in Tiananmen Square. Incidentally, even today it is still impermissible to use the term "4 June," the date of the brutal government crackdown on pro-democracy activists, student leaders and workers in Tiananmen Square, in the press or online.

Yahoo justified their actions by claiming that to do business in China, they had to follow Chinese laws—a morally bankrupt argument which excuses doing business with the worst actors on the world scene, under the guise of respect for the law. But even if one subscribed to that argument, it is noteworthy that the information that Yahoo turned over to government authorities was stored in Hong Kong, outside of the jurisdiction of the mainland police.

Yahoo's chairman and chief executive officer Terry Semel, after vigorously defending his company's decision, is reported to have said, "on a personal level, I wince." I would say to Mr. Semel, I too wince. And I would venture to guess that Mr. Tao's family winced when police grabbed him on a street, searched his house and confiscated his computer and other items, thus launching the ordeal that culminated his eventual prosecution and imprisonment.

During the dark days of the Cold War the vast majority of those living behind the Iron Curtain saw America as a friend—we represented their hopes and aspirations. But today in China some are complicity with the oppressors.

Mr. Semel and the company he leads is a beneficiary, as we all are, of this great experiment in self-governance, free enterprise and individual liberty that we call America. When faced with a choice between the bottom line, and betraying the very tenets that underpin this nation, Yahoo chose profit. They should be ashamed.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. C. DELORES
TUCKER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 18, 2005

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the life and legacy of Mrs. C. Delores Tucker, who once was the highest-ranking African American woman in Pennsylvania state government.

In tribute to Mrs. Tucker, I would like to submit the following excerpt from the Washington Post Article, "C. Delores Tucker Dies at 78; Rights and Anti-Rap Activist", written by Yvonne Shinhoister Lamb on Thursday, October 13, 2005.

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Mrs. C. Delores Tucker focused a spotlight on rap music in 1993, calling it "pornographic filth" and saying it was demeaning and offensive to black women. "You can't listen to all that language and filth without it affecting you," she said.

She passed out leaflets with lyrics from gangsta rap and urged people to read them aloud. She picketed stores that sold the music, handed out petitions and demanded congressional hearings. She also bought stock in Sony, Time Warner and other companies so she could protest at shareholders meetings.

Crossing political lines, Mrs. Tucker, a Democrat, joined forces with former secretary of education William Bennett, a Republican, as well as Senator JOSEPH LIEBERMAN (D-Conn.). Bennett called her at the time a "daunting figure."

"Usually I'm the noisy one, but she's ferocious," he said.

In 1994, Mrs. Tucker protested when the NAACP, on whose board of trustees she sat, nominated rapper Tupac Shakur for one of its Image Awards.

The Silver Spring-based organization she co-founded in 1984, now called the National Congress of Black Women, became the vehicle through which she waged her battle. She succeeded the late congresswoman Shirley Chisholm as national chair in 1992.

Mrs. Tucker, an elegant woman who spoke with a stirring cadence, had a long history in the civil rights movement and politics. Early on, she raised funds for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and joined the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in marches and demonstrations calling for equality and justice.

"I realized we always started at the church and marched to the political kingdom, whether the local or state or national," she told the Washington Post in 1995. "And I realized that's where we needed to go to make a difference. That's where the decisions are being made that affected our lives, but we weren't in those seats."

Cynthia Delores Nottage was born in Philadelphia on Oct. 4, 1927, the 10th of 11 children of a minister and a "Christian feminist mother." She played the organ and saxophone and directed the choir in church. She attended Temple University, Pennsylvania State University and the University of Pennsylvania.

In 1951, she married William Tucker, a construction company owner who grew prosperous in Philadelphia real estate. She later sold real estate and insurance in Philadelphia.

In the 1960s, after her experiences in the early civil rights movement, she delved deeper into the political arena, working on behalf of black candidates and serving on the Pennsylvania Democratic Committee. She came to be known as a master fund raiser.

In 1971, she was named secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by then-Governor Milton Shapp (D), making her the highest-ranking African American woman in state government. In 1978, she ran for lieutenant governor; in 1980, for the U.S. Senate; and in 1992, for the U.S. House but was not elected to office. However, her political involvement continued. She was head of the minority caucus of the Democratic National Committee and a founding member of the National Women's Political Caucus. She chaired the Black Caucus of the Democratic National Committee for

11 years and spoke at five Democratic conventions.

Mrs. Tucker, the recipient of numerous awards, also founded the District-based Bethune-DuBois Institute to provide educational and training programs for black youths.

Survivors include her husband, William Tucker of Philadelphia.

He once said that she was "one of the most fearless individuals I have ever known. She will take on anyone, anything, if that is what she thinks is right. . . . I tell her there are times you have to compromise, but she is not one who will readily entertain the idea of compromise about anything."

I take great pride in commending Mrs. C. Delores Tucker for her outstanding contributions to Pennsylvania State Government, national politics and the African American community.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. JAMES P. MCGEE

HON. C. A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 18, 2005

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise before you today to recognize the dedication of one individual who continues to play a vital role in the prevention and development of innovative programs which address and combat Federal crime.

Dr. James P. McGee, the retired Director of Psychology and Director of Law Enforcement and Forensic Services at Sheppard Pratt Hospital located in Baltimore, Maryland, has served the law enforcement community in a variety of ways while remaining dedicated to improving and expanding existing crime prevention programs.

Most recently, Dr. McGee spent 30 days in the Gulf region to assist Hurricane Katrina's victims, spending the majority of his time counseling officers of the New Orleans Police Department. There, he spearheaded "Operation: Call a Cop," a program in which sports figures both current and retired, politicians, and celebrities call one of the police officers with encouraging words to express their belief of what a remarkable job the officers have done, and are continuing to do in Louisiana. This project has raised the spirits of the people we rely on most to rebuild communities, to reestablish a safe environment, and to restore hope to those affected by Katrina.

During my years as County Executive of Baltimore County, I worked closely with Dr. McGee. He provided over 15 years of service as Chief Psychologist of the Baltimore County Police Department. He also directed psychological service programs for Maryland and Delaware State Police.

He is known for being one of the country's leading sports psychologists having counseled amateur athletes, including Olympic Gold Medal winners. He was the team psychologist for the Baltimore Orioles for 8 years, receiving a World Series ring for his special contribution to the Orioles last World Series Championship season.

Dr. McGee's recent publication of "The Classroom Avenger," an article describing a hypothetical person, who potentially possesses tendencies of violence in a school set-

ting, received national recognition. In addition to this acknowledgment, segments of the work he did on a UNABOMBER Profile submitted to the FBI were used in search warrants relating to that case.

Dr. McGee has stamped the law enforcement community with his commitment to Federal crime prevention. His passion for psychological counseling and his honed skills in this field have enabled him to thwart corruption and administer to the prevention of mayhem.

I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives please join with me today to recognize Dr. James McGee for the tremendous contributions he has made to not only the Federal law enforcement community, but also to the people of the United States.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF J. ROBERT CHAPMAN FOR HIS OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 18, 2005

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my sadness at the recent passing of James Robert Chapman, city councilman and "Mayor Emeritus" of the City of Winters, California.

Born into a pioneering family, Bob Chapman was a lifelong resident of Winters. He served on the Winters City Council from 1980 to 1996, fourteen of those years as mayor. He more recently served as a City Council member since 2002. Prior to City Council, he served on the Winters Planning Commission for 6 years. During his tenures on the council, Mr. Chapman guided the city through numerous endeavors, including construction of the Winters Community Center, the 1992 General Plan and efforts to keep the city fiscally viable during economically daunting times.

During his recent tenure on the council, Mr. Chapman played a key role in the economic revitalization of the downtown and in numerous capital projects, including the rehabilitation of the historic trestle bridge and Putah Creek car bridge, construction of the amphitheater, traffic improvements and a downtown parking lot. He represented the city and Yolo County on regional boards including the Sacramento Area Council of Governments, Yolo County Local Agency Formation Commission and numerous boards and commissions.

In addition to his role with the City of Winters, Mr. Chapman served 30 years in the California National Guard, retiring at the rank of colonel in 1996. He was a member of two service clubs, the Lions Club and Rotary International, serving as Rotary Chapter President in 2004. In 2002, he was named Winters Citizen of the Year for his many contributions to the community. Chapman was an avid golfer and was employed as director of logistics for Con-Agra, formerly Hunt-Wesson.

Mr. Speaker, the passing of Bob Chapman is a huge loss to the Winters community. His leadership, humor and mentoring style will be greatly missed by his wife, Nicki, his daughter, Shelly, his mother, Dorothy, and all those whose lives he touched. It is appropriate therefore that we honor his life and contributions today.